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In re Application of : Rufus L. Chaney et al.  
For : RECOVERING METALS FROM SOIL  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request entry of all claim amendments as indicated below.